



Directors Institute AGENDA

May 31st – June 2nd, 2017

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

1:00 pm

Welcome/Introductions

Review Agenda/Identify Additional Hot Topics

Opening Activity

2:00 pm

Update from Regional Office/Office of Head Start

Heather Wanderski

Supervisory Program Specialist

Office of Head Start

Administration for Children and Families

Break – R n R: Recharge and Revitalize

4:00 pm

Implementation of Performance Standards: A “Round About” Activity

- Home Base Curricula
- Parenting Curricula
- Research Based Coordinated Coaching Strategy
- Research-based approaches to professional development for education staff
- Challenges
- Successes
- Things to consider

4:30 pm

Family Services Credential - Joni Scritchlow, Gateways to Opportunity, Sr. Program Director Administration and Stephanie Hellmer, Coordinator, Professional Opportunities and Development, Gateways to Opportunity

5:00 pm

Dinner on Your Own

Thursday, June 1, 2017

8:15 am

Breakfast (provided)

9:00 am

What will the New Monitoring System Look Like? A Look Through the Crystal Ball - Blair Hyatt, Executive Director

Pennsylvania Head Start Association and Chair of the NHSA's
Monitoring Redesign Task Force

10:00 am Data Integration – An Important Component of the New Monitoring System – Facilitated by Lauri Morrison-Frichtl, Executive Director, IHSA and Rick Mockler, Chief Quality Improvement Officer, NHSA (invited but not yet confirmed)

- What does it mean to move from compliance based to performance based? How does data play a key role?
- Fully integrating Continuous Quality Improvement into our world. How is this different than what we have been doing?
- Discussion on Illinois' PIR Data and the HSES
- IECAM
- ISBE Student Information System
- KIDS
- Data Management
- IHSA's Data Support Project

Break – R n R: Recharge and Revitalize

11:30 am Blending & Braiding Funding: What's New? – Facilitated by Donna Emmons, Associate Collaboration Director, IHSA and Michelle Wood Principal Consultant, Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Early Childhood

12:15 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm Trauma Informed Organizations – Presenter TBD

Despite research findings that confirm the presence of traumatic exposure in the lives of the children and families we serve few programs have been able to organize their services in ways that address and mitigate the effects of traumatic stress. We know so much more today about how trauma effects brain development. There is a need for Head Start/Early Head Start programs to be “trauma-informed” in all of their practices. On-going exposure to traumatic stress can impact all areas of people's lives, including biological, cognitive, and emotional functioning; social interactions/relationships; and identity formation. Because people who have experienced multiple traumas do not relate to the world in the same way as those who have not had these experiences, they require services and responses that are sensitive to their experiences and needs. Creating a trauma informed organization requires a system-wide transformation. This initial conversation will support your work to becoming a “Trauma Informed Organization”.

Break R n R: Recharge and Revitalize

3:30 pm Growing Our Own Workforce = Workforce Strategies = Two Generation Approach - Jill Calkins, Head Start/Early Head Start Director, TCOC, Facilitated by Lauri Morrison-Frichtl, Executive Director, IHSA

Probably one of the biggest challenges right now is the ability to find qualified staff. What does Illinois workforce data tell us? Learn about TCOC's workforce strategy. Together we will "group think" about other strategies to support recruiting and retaining our workforce.

4:30 pm Adjourn

5:30 – 8:00 pm Your Adventure Begins – Dinner Provided
Celebration of those who are retiring!

Friday, June 2, 2017

8:30 am **Breakfast (provided)**

9:15 am Approaches to Family Engagement and Reflective Practice Training for Home Visitors and Family Services Staff – Linda Gilkerson and Hannah Jones-Lewis, Erikson Institute

10:00 am State of Affairs – Donna Emmons, Associate Collaboration Director, IHSA

- Quarterly meetings with DCFS
- PI/PFA Expansion
- ExceleRate
- MIECHV/Home Visiting
- CCDBG Regulations
- Other current topics in relationship to our work

11:00 am Public Policy, Power, Politics and Personalities – Lauri Morrison-Frichtl, Executive Director, IHSA

- Discussion on the political landscape and where Head Start fits
- Discussion on the FY18 Budget (state and federal)
- Discussion on block granting – talking points

11:30 am **Closure/Next Steps**